विनिर्दिष्टियों में ढील देने की अनुमति दी जाए क्योंकि सितम्बर और अक्तूबर 1998 के दौरान बेमौसम वर्षा हुई थी। सरकार इस पर विचार कर रही है।

Review of Working of Food Processing Units

1502. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the food processing industry which were sanctioned and set up in the country during Eighth Plan;

(b) the State-wise details of those Food Processing Units;

(c) whether Government have reviewed the working of those units;

(d) if not, whether any study is proposed to be conducted and any action plan proposed to be implemented to strengthen those units; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) While the Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not set up food processing units directly in any State, under its Plan Schemes it provides financial assistance in the form of loan and grant to private industry, non-Governmental Organisations, Cooperatives and Public Sector Undertakings etc. for the growth, promotion and development of food processing industries. The schemes are project oriented and not State specific. During the 8th Plan period, Plan funds of Rs. 177.11 crore were utilised.

'c) to (e) The work relating to luation of projects funded by the Ministry during 8th Five Year Plan and first year of the Ninth Plan has been entrusted to the National Council of Applied Economic Research in February, 1999 and the work is scheduled to be completed within 6 months. The scope of the study is to find the present status, to review the past performance, to identify the managerial/financial problems; and to suggest corrective action.

Priority Sector benefits to Food Processing Industries

1503. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made the food processing industry a priority sector for bank lending; and

(b) if so, what benefits will accrue to the industry as a result of this decision?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As 40% of the net Bank credit of all the Banks is targetted towards the priority sector, easy availability of finance to the food processing sector is ensured.

भारतीय प्रसारण सेवा को हुआ घाटा

1504. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार द्वारा आठवीं योजनावधि के दौरान भारतीय प्रसारण सेवा क्षेत्रों से प्रति वर्ष कुल कितना राजस्व अर्जित किया गया;

(ख) क्या विदेशी और निजी प्रसारण माध्यमों की तुलना में मंत्रालय के अधीन प्रसारण सेवा के राजस्व अर्जन में लगातार गिरावट आयी है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इसके द्वारा अर्जित किए गए लाभांश का कुल प्रतिशत कितना रहा; और

(घ) क्या उस स्थिति के बारे में कोई आकलन किया गया है जिसके अन्तर्गत भारतीय प्रसारण सेवा को भारी घाटा हो रहा है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुख्तार नकवी): (क) आठवीं योजना के दौरान प्रसार भारती (आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन) द्वारा अर्जित कुल राजस्व निम्न अनुसार है:—